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THERE WAS AN INTERESTING little dinner last weekend at the Italian Consulate on Locust st. To the party came Allen Dulles, former director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, and Mrs. Dulles.

Also at the dinner given by Consul-General Edgardo Sogno del Vallino and Countess Sogno were Mr. and Mrs. H. Gates Lloyd, of Haverford and Washington; Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cheston; Hobson Pittman, Henry P. McIlhenny and Loelia, Duchess of Westminster.

Mr. Dulles and Count Sogno first met in 1944, as World War II raged in Europe. Count Sogno was a member of the Italian underground's supreme command. Mr. Dulles was with the Office of Strategic Services. They saw each other in Switzerland.

Later, Edgardo Sogno was taken prisoner by the Nazis. Allen Dulles saved his life. In arranging for the surrender of German troops in Northern Italy, Mr. Dulles insisted that he would not negotiate unless the lives of Count Sogno and a half-dozen other Italian partisan leaders were spared.

"He saved us from the firing squad," said Edgardo Sogno.